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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Claims:

Claims 38-47 are pending in the application. Each claim defines an invention that is novel and unobvious over the cited art. Favorable consideration of this case is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claims 38-47 are deemed allowable, but stand rejected under the judicial doctrine of obviousness double patenting over the parent (US 6,730,409) of the present divisional application.

Rejection Under The Judicially-Created Doctrine of Obviousness Double Patenting.

The Applicants hereby submit a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the portion of the term of a patent granted on the instant application that otherwise would extend beyond the expiry of the recited patents.

Conclusion:

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as now presented receive an early allowance.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

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Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 20135-00270-WODC for all fees associated with this response, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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